

September 10, 2008

### **NCLB Consolidated Application**

The NCLB Consolidated application for 2008-09 opened this morning in the NDE Portal under the GMS tab. The closing date for submitting these applications is November 7, 2008. Applications will be approved in the order received by NDE. Please contact the HELPDESK if you need an activation code or assistance with accessing the application. Please contact your reviewer if you have program questions. Thank you.

Reminder: In order to submit a new application, you will need to go to the "Amendment Description" tab and indicate that this is a "new application" and not an amendment.

### **NSSRS and Writing/ELDA Data**

The information for the Writing and ELDA assessment labels will be taken from the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS) for the 2008-09 testing. In previous years, districts submitted data to ESU #3 for the Writing assessment labels. (Information from the NSSRS was used for the ELDA test labels already last year.) Districts are encouraged to continue to update the Student Template until December 8, 2008, to ensure the best available information for the test labels.

The 2008-2009 NSSRS Template Calendar (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Calendar.htm>) has been updated to reflect December 8 as the date by which districts are to have submitted updated student information for use in creating pre-ID files (for preprinted labels) for ELDA and Statewide Writing. December 8 will also be the date by which districts are to have submitted updated staff information for use in Curriculum Reporting.

### **Changes to the State of the Schools Report that may affect AYP**

The State of the Schools Report remains open for preview until September 19, 2008. We have identified several issues and made the following changes: alternate assessments that were submitted as modified assessments have been change (the "modified" has been removed); high school students without assessment results because they were promoted at mid-year will no longer be considered as non-participants. Please continue to audit your data and to submit the Requests to Change Data by September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Conference Information**

#### **2008 Statewide Parent Involvement Conference**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Parent Involvement Conference will be held October 11, 2008 at the Kearney Sunrise Middle School in Kearney, Nebraska. Information, including registration forms, will be available starting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at [www.ralstonschools.org](http://www.ralstonschools.org)